CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method of reducing risk in a business process, the method comprising the steps

2   of:

3   dividing the business process into component tasks;

4   identifying for each of the component tasks any other component task that conflict

5   with the component task;

6   establishing at least one assigned task performed by each person involved in the

7   business process; and

8   determining which of the at least one assigned task is a conflicting task.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the steps are performed by a computer software

2   program.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of addressing any conflicting

2   task.

1   4.   A system for reducing risk in a business process, the system comprising:

2   means for dividing the business process into component tasks;

3   means for identifying for each of the component tasks any other component task

4   that conflict with the component task;

5   means for establishing at least one assigned task performed by each person

6   involved in the business process; and

7   means for determining which of the at least one assigned task is a conflicting task.

     5.   The system of claim 4, wherein the means for identifying includes a matrix

          identifying conflicting tasks.

     6.   The system of claim 5, wherein the means for determining compares the at least

          one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.

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1   7.   A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having

2   computer

3   readable program code embodied therein for reducing risk in a business process,

4   the program product comprising:

5   program code configured to divide the business process into component tasks;

6   program code configured to identify for each of the component tasks any other

7 component task that conflict with the component task;

8   program code configured to establish at least one assigned task performed by each

9 person involved in the business process; and

10   program code configured to determine which of the at least one assigned task is a

11 conflicting task.

1   8.   The system of claim 7, wherein the program code configured to identify includes a

2   matrix identifying conflicting tasks.

1   9.   The system of claim 8, wherein the program code configured to determine

2   compares the at least one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.